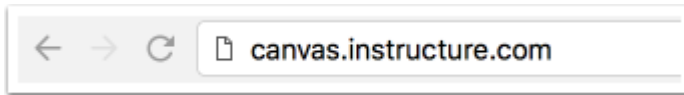


How do I sign up for a Canvas account as a parent?

Parents can sign up as an observer in Canvas. Observers can link their Canvas account to their student's account so they can see assignment due dates, announcements, and other course content. Observers can view the course content but cannot participate in the course.

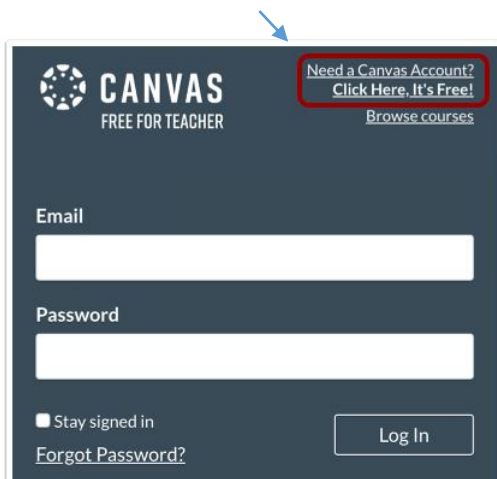
This lesson is for parents who do not have a Canvas account and want to observe their students in their courses.

#1: Open Canvas URL



#2: Create Canvas Account

Click the Need a Canvas Account? link.

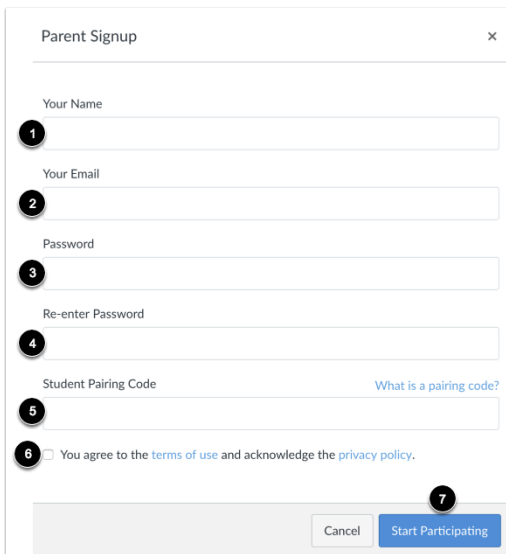
A screenshot of the Canvas login page. The page has a dark blue header with the Canvas logo and the text "FREE FOR TEACHER". Below the header are input fields for "Email" and "Password", a "Log In" button, and a "Stay signed in" checkbox. A red box highlights a link that says "Need a Canvas Account? Click Here, It's Free!". A blue arrow points from the text above to this link.

#3: Sign Up As a Parent (Free Account)



Click the Parents sign up here link.

#4: Enter Signup Details

A screenshot of the Canvas "Parent Signup" form. The form is titled "Parent Signup" and has a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains several fields: "Your Name", "Your Email", "Password", "Re-enter Password", and "Student Pairing Code". There are numbered steps 1 through 7 indicating the order of completion. Step 1 is "Your Name", step 2 is "Your Email", step 3 is "Password", step 4 is "Re-enter Password", step 5 is "Student Pairing Code", step 6 is "You agree to the terms of use and acknowledge the privacy policy.", and step 7 is the "Start Participating" button. A "Cancel" button is also present.

Enter the following information:

1. Enter your name in the **Your Name** field.
2. Enter your email in the **Your Email** field.
3. Enter your password in the **Password** field.
4. Re-enter your password in the **Re-enter Password** field.
5. In the **Student Pairing Code** field, enter the **Student Pairing code (must be generated by the student)**. See **reverse side of handout**.
6. Agree to the terms of use by clicking the **You agree to the terms of use** checkbox.
7. Click the **Start Participating** button.
8. **Note:** Students can [generate pairing codes](#) from their User Settings. Depending on institution permissions, admins and instructors may also be able to generate pairing codes.

#5: Begin Observing

You can begin observing your student in Canvas immediately.

How do I generate a pairing code for an observer as a student?

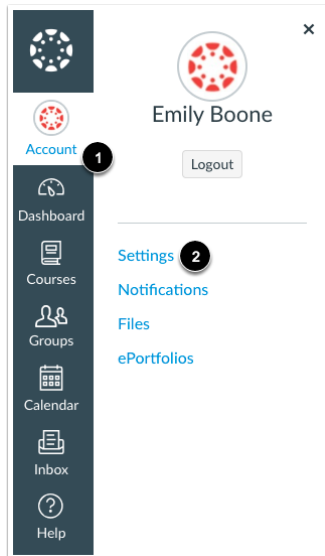
As a student, you can generate a pairing code to link an observer to your Canvas account. You must create a separate pairing code for each observer who wants to link to your account.

An observer may be your parent, guardian, mentor, counselor, or another individual who needs to view your Canvas courses. Linked observers can view and participate in certain elements of your Canvas courses.

Pairing codes can only be generated in a web browser.

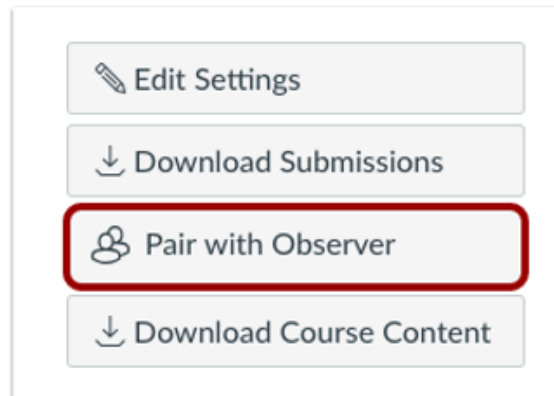
#1: Open Settings:

In Global Navigation, click the **Account** link [1], then click the **Settings** link

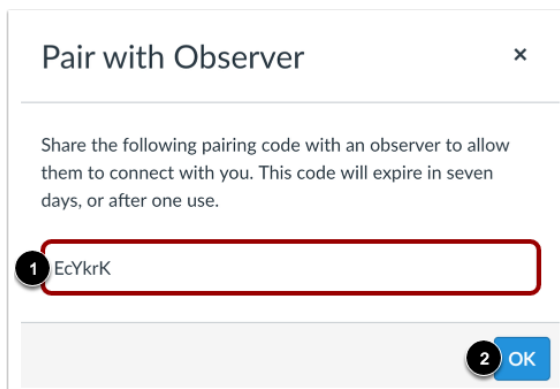


#2: Pair with Observer:

Click the **Pair with Observer** button.



#3: Copy Pairing Code



Copy the six-digit alphanumeric pairing code [1]. You will need to share the code with the observer who will link to your account. The pairing code will expire after seven days or its first use.

To close the window, click the **OK** button [2].

Note: Pairing codes are case sensitive.